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March 21, 2012

Mr. Michael Morisy
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Dear Mr. Morisy:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON2012F020711

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 20, 2012. Your request was received in our office on February 27, 2012.

Although the FOIA stipulates a response to your request in 20 days, in "unusual circumstances" an agency can extend the twenty-day time for processing a FOIA request if it informs the requester of why it needs the extension and of when it will make a determination on the request. The FOIA defines unusual circumstances as (1) the need to search for and collect records from separate offices; (2) the need to examine a voluminous amount of records required by the request; (3) the need to consult with another agency or agency component and rely upon them to locate and review these records. Records responsive to your request are not located within the Freedom of Information office and we must search other offices and consult with agency components. We will notify you of an anticipated date for a final determination as soon as we can make such an estimate.

If you are not satisfied with this action, under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you may appeal the extension of the statutory twenty days for processing your request by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General
1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Ste 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within sixty calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken during the initial processing of your request may be directed to our FOIA service center at (202) 685-0412.

Sincerely,

M. P. Shaw
For

ROBIN PATTERSON
Head, DON PA/FOIA Policy Office

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Anderson [mailto:directorbob1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 6:20 PM
To: Newell, Rob D CIV CHINFO, OI-6
Subject: Fwd: Freedom of Information Request: U.S. Navy Review & Talking Points regarding Act of Valor movie

Rob,

Aren't these supposed to come through some central office? I've had them before -- but never directly to me.

Any suggestions???

All best,
Bob

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <1111-23931717@requests.muckrock.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 20, 2012 at 12:20 PM
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: U.S. Navy Review & Talking Points regarding Act of Valor movie
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Dept Of the Navy (OPNAV) PA/FOIA Policy Office
Freedom Of Information/Privacy Act Request
Date Received: 2-27-12 **Statutory due date:** 3-23-12
DON PA/FOIA/consult Tracking Number: 2012F020711
Acknowledgement date: 2-27-12

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

Any reports, reviews, official talking points or other documents generated regarding the upcoming motion picture "Act of Valor", particularly in regards to the granting of permission by the U.S. Navy to the filmmakers to use Naval footage.

One such review is mentioned in the following online news article:

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/world/a/-/world/12952291/secretive-navy-seals-take-starring-role-in-new-film/>

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Michael Morisy

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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